lawful to transport foreign com into those parts which is brought into the realm by English merchants, and for this first voyage, because of the shortness of the time, there may be coined in her Majesty's mint so much foreign coin as they shall want in the voyage , and also forasmuch as the commodities to be earned outward cannot be known but by divers and sundry experiences how they will be vented in those islands, they petition that they may carry out their commodities for six voyages free of custom, all custom to be answered on goods, spices and merchandise brought from thence

i6th October ENGROSSING OF GRAIN

Notwithstanding that this last harvest did not yield any cause of dearth, and also the great care taken to stay foreign transportations except for the service in Ireland, yet the prices of grain are generally risen to a great rate because of the evil practice of engrossing, and that not least by the justices of the peace in the counties They are now commanded that offenders shall be bound to appear before the Council that they may be made more feelingly to know what chastisement their offences deserve , and if the justices shall continue negligent then will her Majesty be forced to appoint commissioners in the matter.

28 *ih October* SHAKESPEARE'S * MERCHANT OF VENICE '

Shakespeare's play of *The Merchant of Venice^* wherein was shown the extreme cruelty of Shylock the Jew towards the merchant in cutting a just pound of his flesh and the obtaining of Portia by the choice of three caskets, is to be printed

October THE EARL OF ESSEX'S HOPES DASHED

My Lord of Essex hath lost the farm of the sweet

wines, for
her Majesty keeps it in her own hands He
sues now only for
grace, and that he may come to her presence, of
which small
hope as yet appeareth

November THE DEATH OF MASTER HOOKER.
This day Master Richard Hooker rendered up his
soul to God.
He was born in Devonshire, a county fruitful of
noble wits, and
brought up at Oxford in Corpus Christi College, a
divine for his
modesty, temperance, meekness and other
virtues, worthy of